

36A.—Maternal Deaths in each Province, by Causes of Death, 1933.

Cause of Death.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
Abortion with septic conditions...	1	10	3	29	45	3	10	16	7	124
(a) Abortion.....	1	10	1	28	32	2	8	12	5	99
(b) Self-induced abortion.....	-	-	2	1	13	1	2	4	2	25
Abortion without mention of septic conditions (hæmorrhage included).....	1	-	3	8	7	2	3	1	1	26
(a) Abortion.....	1	-	3	7	4	1	1	1	1	19
(b) Self-induced abortion.....	-	-	-	1	3	1	2	-	-	7
Ectopic gestation.....	-	3	3	12	13	2	3	1	-	37
(a) With septic conditions.....	-	-	1	4	2	1	-	-	-	8
(b) Without mention of septic conditions.....	-	3	2	8	11	1	3	1	-	29
Other accidents of pregnancy (hæmorrhage excluded).....	-	-	-	2	4	-	1	1	-	8
Puerperal hæmorrhage.....	1	6	10	68	40	11	17	15	7	175
(a) Placenta prævia.....	-	4	5	28	16	2	1	2	4	62
(b) Other hæmorrhage.....	1	2	5	40	24	9	16	13	3	113
Puerperal septicæmia (not specified as consequent upon abortion).....	2	10	11	95	80	14	16	9	12	249
(a) Puerperal septicæmia or pyæmia.....	2	10	11	95	80	14	16	9	12	249
(b) Puerperal tetanus.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia.....	1	9	14	81	56	9	14	10	7	201
Other toxæmias of pregnancy.....	-	1	2	15	19	3	2	8	-	50
Puerperal phlegmasia alba dolens, embolism or sudden death (not specified as septic).....	2	7	3	32	45	6	10	4	5	114
(a) Phlegmasia alba dolens and thrombosis.....	-	-	-	6	7	1	2	1	3	20
(b) Embolism.....	1	6	3	18	27	4	8	2	2	71
(c) Sudden death.....	1	1	-	8	11	1	-	1	-	23
Other accidents of childbirth.....	-	6	11	37	36	4	16	5	6	121
(a) Cæsarean section.....	-	1	3	5	15	1	3	2	1	31
(b) Dystocia.....	-	1	2	12	2	2	1	1	2	23
(c) Instrumental delivery.....	-	1	2	1	4	1	4	2	2	17
(d) Rupture of uterus in parturition.....	-	3	2	2	4	-	1	-	1	13
(e) Other accidents of labour....	-	-	2	17	11	-	7	-	-	37
Other or not specified conditions of the puerperal state.....	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	6
(a) Puerperal diseases of the breast.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
(b) Others under this title.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	5
Totals.....	8	52	60	381	346	54	92	73	45	1,111

As compared with the previous year, the number of maternal deaths shows a decrease of 34 or nearly 3 p.c., but the decrease from 1930 is nearly 16 p.c. All provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan show decreases compared with 1931. For the second time since 1921, when statistics covered the provinces other than Quebec, and since 1926, when figures were made available for all provinces, a significant decrease in such deaths is shown. By far the most serious causes of maternal mortality are puerperal septicæmia and puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia. It is encouraging to observe that the deaths from these causes decreased from 672 in 1931 to 632 in 1932, or by nearly 6 p.c., although it is also necessary to consider that births in the same period declined by 2 p.c. In 1933 deaths from maternal causes declined to 1,111, *i.e.*, by a further 5.9 p.c. from 1932, and births declined 5.4 p.c. from 1932.